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CHINA'S CRITIC



Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, meets with Han Zheng, Shanghai's mayor, unseen, in Shanghai, China, on Monday, May 25, 2009. U.S. House Speaker Pelosi, long a fierce critic of Beijing, toured China's financial center of Shanghai on Monday on a visit meant to highlight common goals in promoting clean energy to fight climate change.

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SPORTS NEWS

RAFAS RECORD



Spain's Rafael Nadal gives the thumbs up after defeating Brazil's Marcos Daniel during their first round match at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday May 25, 2009. Nadal broke the French Open men's record for consecutive wins.

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Tuesday, May 26, 2009

*They did it: they broke the record!*

## Diana Wolthuis & Otmar Cornes are the 2009 Polesitting Champions



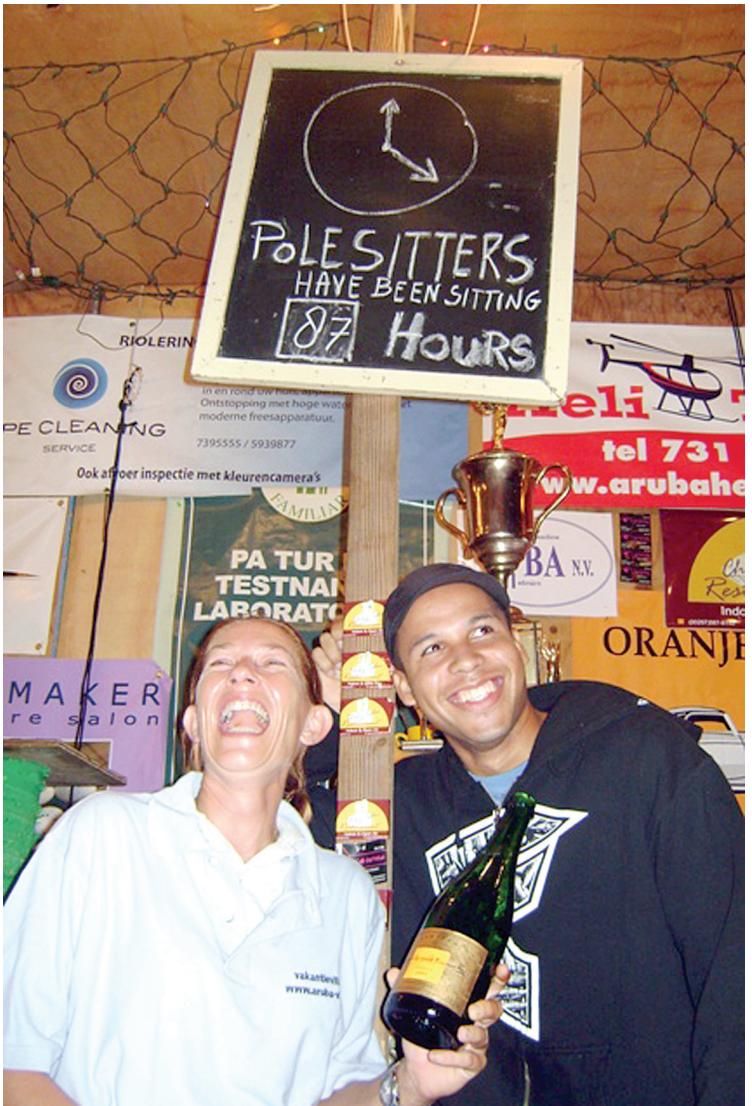
ORANJESTAD - On Sunday, May 24 at 10.55 pm the song 'The Final Countdown' was played on the loudspeakers of Café the Plaza in the Renaissance Marketplace. Around eighty people sang along at the top of their voices until Queen's 'We are the Champions' could be heard. Then all hell broke loose as Diana Wolthuis and Otmar Cornes could call themselves the winners and record breakers of the 2009 Aruba Polesitting Championships. The two stepped upon their poles at 8 am last Thursday morning; on Sunday evening, 87 hours later, they stepped off to be congratulated, kissed and hugged by the crowd. Diana and Otmar showed incredible mental strength and endurance.

The 2009 championships started off with five sitters: after 12 hours Helen Mangroelal was disqualified for returning late after her break. On Saturday morning Fritz Hibbert gave up after 48 hours. So then there were three...

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*Food and Clothes Drive*

## Join the Red Cross in helping others



ORANJESTAD - The Aruba Red Cross continues to be different world wide and continues to help during the calm periods and times in desperate

needs. The Aruban Red Cross continues to provide assistance to those in need no matter the time of year or disaster situations.

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Fried fish would be the common choice, but you can get your entrée broiled, grilled or baked. However you can indulge in the more guilty options for lobster, Alaskan king crab legs, grouper, shrimp, Black Angus tenderloin and so forth. Ease your

conscience and add a salad or go all out and try their delicious crab cakes, fish soup, garlic escargots, lobster crepe and coconut shrimps before your hearty entrée.



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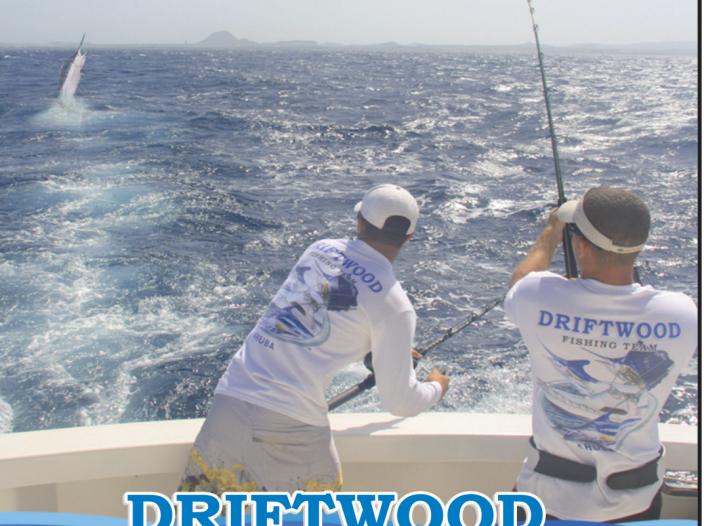


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The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, Texas de Brazil will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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Starting this Friday, May 29th at 12 noon, you can also help by donating can foods and clothing for those in need. The most important are for children that cannot provide for them selves and continue to grow out of their clothing. In the same time, many adults are in need of clothing and food supplies.

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# ALOHA BRIDGE CLUB ARUBA (ABC) A3

## BRIDGE RESULTS

### THURSDAY 21 MAY 2009

On Thursday morning a total of 8 pairs attended the bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort. The results 50 % and higher are as follows:

- 1 Willy Flanegin / Maritza van Romondt 58.33%
- 2 Maylene and Fred Koopman 57.64 %
- 3 Katy Rasenberger / Addy Eilers 56.94 %
- 4 Liesbeth van den Ham / Geke In 't Veld 55.56 %

5 Annette Ybeles / Joke Henriquez

54.86 %

6 Cornelia Sloterdijk / Els Lacle

52.08 %.

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm.

Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person.

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and martini special, with both locals and tourists turning out for the event.

Whether venturing in after a day of sun on the beach or



stopping in for a business afterhours' cocktail or two, Aqua Grill's lounge was the setting

for everyone to enjoy the special that included a half dozen oysters and two Belvedere martinis for \$25. Aqua Grill's culinary team also prepared a tapas menu at special prices as well.

So this Wednesday, come on in after a day in the sun or a

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# Diana Wolthuis & Otmar Cornes are the 2009



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A truly emotional moment came when the three sitters had been on their poles for 77 hours and 45 minutes. Steven Steenhuizen was not thinking straight and he just stepped onto the ground for a second: sadly he had to be disqualified.

Almost everyone present was in tears when they saw his incredulous, tired face melt when he realized what he had done. And then there were just two, with 'just' nine hours to go.

With Santosa's cheerleaders dancing away, the bull Bonky bucking away and a rousing game of musical chairs keeping the sitters awake, the final hours went by until, at 11 pm Diana and Otmar raised their hands in victory amid cheers and applause: they had won!

Winner of the week's stay at a fabulous villa ([aruba-villa.nl](http://aruba-villa.nl)) was Helga Zwinkels, while Marcel Celaire of Ezee Brothers won the laptop. The following raffle tickets (white) have won prizes: 230407, 418, 209, 349, 681, 217, 704, 242, 431, 41, 336, 071, 620, 698, 501, 347, 017, 667, 667, 581, 695, 432, 095, 068.

The prizes can be picked up at Café the Plaza.

The polesitting champions each won a week's stay at the vacation villa, Steven got a ticket to Curacao and Fritz received a dinner at Que Pasa Restaurant.

Photos show the moment when the Polesitting Record of Liesbeth Cornes was broken, the congratulatory kiss from the two winners, the winners of the laptop and week's stay with the polesitters and action scenes from the polesitting weekend, which benefitted the Clown Doctors of Aruba. □



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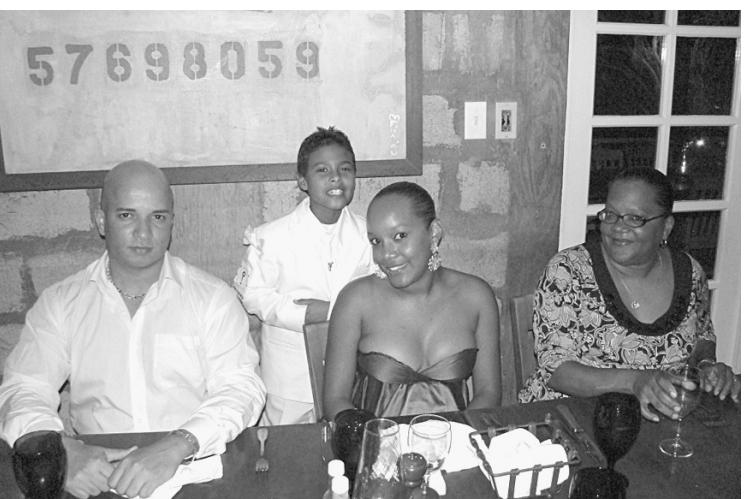
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# Amazonia Churrascaria hosts a great party for David Kock



PALM BEACH -- David followed by lunch at Amazonia Churrascaria for communion celebration 30 family members and friends. Godmother Grecia

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# Caribbean Lions fellowship in PoS

BY ANGELA PIDDUCK

THE LIONS of Multiple District 60 (A and B), from Cayman in the north east to Suriname and Guyana in the south west, who are attending this week's 29th Multiple District 60 Convention and the 49th District 60A/B Convention, made their presence felt when they paraded through the streets of Port-of-Spain on Friday morning, in colourful Lions wear. Wherever a Convention of The International Association of Lions Clubs is being held, this parade is an integral part of the event so that the communities are made aware of the Lions in their midst. The parade at an International Convention can run for as long as six hours or more. The highpoint of the official opening ceremony, which took place last Wednesday evening in the beautifully decorated Lions Cultural Centre on Fitzblackman Drive, was the presentation of flags of the two districts, carried by smartly attired members of the Eastern Quarry Leos Club and First Officers Leos Club, to the stands where they will remain until the Convention ends today. Representatives from each country stood in support of their flag. The flags were presented in reverse order of the country's admittance to the International Association, except for the final four: French Guiana of District 63, now twinned with Districts 60A and 60B, The International Association of Lions Clubs Flag, the flag of Puerto Rico – the district to which Lions International representative and special guest of District 60, Dr Carlos Justiniano belongs, ending with the host club's flag, that of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago. Past District Governor Raymond Shepherd called the names of the countries as follows – Montserrat, Anguilla, The British Virgin Islands. The Cayman Islands, The Netherlands Antilles, St Kitts and Nevis, Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, St Lucia, The United States Virgin

Islands, Grenada, Jamaica, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados, The Co-operative Republic of Guyana, and The Republic of Suriname. This very meaningful ceremony showed that peoples from 17 independent countries with a variety of political and religious beliefs share common ideals. District 403 in Africa is the only other with such an international

flavour, which like Districts 60A and B, represents the International spirit of lionism. Presenter of this very compact programme Lion Cathy Shepherd, the first female president of the Lions Club of Port-of-Spain Central, called the meeting to order. One minute's silence for world peace was observed after the National Anthem of this country.

The invocation was said by Nadine Bushell, and Past Council Chairperson and Lion Alison Sloane-Seale, the first female District Governor from Trinidad and Tobago, welcomed all of the gathering to "a convention which is being hosted in a rapidly changing environment, fraught with challenges." She invited the Lions to actively

in the planned sessions during the next few days. The hosts have attempted to create a village atmosphere for social and other activities, with the hope that Lions will rekindle the bonds of fellowship, camaraderie and enjoy a good old fashioned Trini lime in the village yard where a parlour as well as a bar have been set up in the Cultural Centre's car park. □

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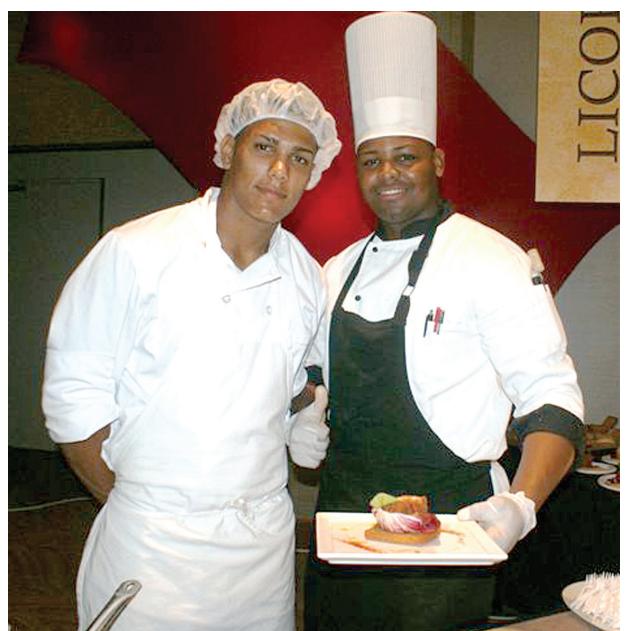
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# Students of the Aruba Culinary School shine



PALM BEACH -- Students of the Aruba Culinary School got to show off their tremendous talents at the Food & Wine Pairing, during the annual Aruba Wine, Food & Art Festival in its fifth edition, unfolding in the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Aruba Resort.

While locals and tourists sampled wines imported to the island by the Aruba Trading Company, Pepia Est, Romar Trading, Playa Liquor, Licores Aruba, and Arion Wine Company, the students of the Aruba Culinary School were in charge of the food stations.



Each of the wine tastings set ups was paired with a food kitchen operated by teams of culinary students, under the guidance of the Westin's culinary team with Executive Chef Gerard Coste.

The students and their mentors came up with original food recipes, worked all day to prepare them, then served them in the evening to Food & Wine Pairing party goers.

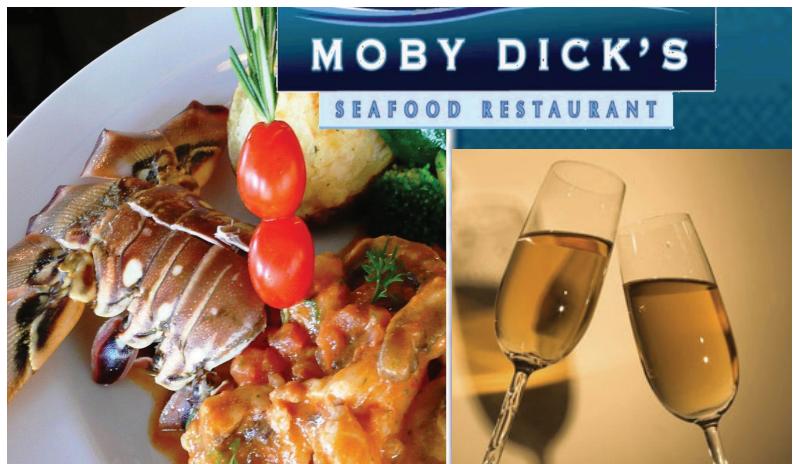
They also participate for the first time, in a student competition where Daphne Willems and her teammates placed second for the traditional Bacalau tasting and Cindy Monsalve and her team landed top honors for their stuffed Korobuto pork dish.

Special mentions also went to the other participating teams who did an excellent job at their food stations, with team Captains Derrick Falcone, Edymar Tromp & Eldrick Franken.

Pictured here the budding chefs, who are all members of the apprentice program, working and studying to become Aruba's future great chefs, coordinated by Adeline Dijkhoff, at the culinary school.

Awards were handed out by a proud Executive Chef Gerard Coste and a most supportive Director of Food & Beverage Franz Sydow. □

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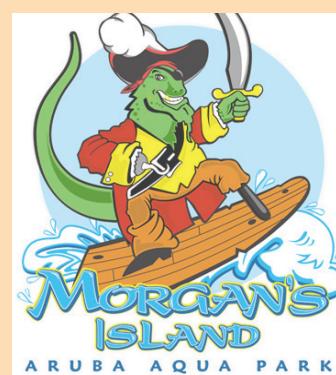


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Winner Of "Leu Foi Cas" Promotion

# Olivia Geerman Wins Trip To Europe At Stellaris Casino



PALM BEACH— On Friday May 15, the final drawings for the Leu Foi Cas took place in the Stellaris Casino. Mrs. Olivia Geerman, a loyal guest of the casino was ecstatic when she heard her name as the lucky winner of the grand prize, two tickets for a tour in Europe visiting the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and Germany and \$1,000 in cash prizes. To participate in the "Leu Foi Cas" promotion, guests of the casino had to gain points by playing the slot machines.

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Aruba Resort, were entrusted with the delightful task of helping match the chef's east-west creations with delectable, bottomless flutes of Champagne.

The evening took off with an Amuse Bouche, fresh corn bisque with traditional migas de chorizo with a chili oil float, matched with Moet et Chandon Imperial.

The first course delivered a warm giant scallop with diced avocado, sprinkled with guava citrus vinaigrette, also paired with Moet et Chandon Imperial.

It was chased by a veloute of mussels with coconut milk & lemongrass essence, paired with Moet et Chandon Nectar Imperial.

The chef's own version of ropa vieja, testimony to Cuban influences on South American cuisine, was prepared with fresh blue crab meat and served on a fried green plantain, dotted with black beans and paired with Moet et Chandon Grand Vintage Rose.

As a refreshing break between courses, patrons were served green apple essence with fresh mint laced with Belvedere Vodka, which prepared their palates for the roasted rack of lamb with mint & goldenberry confite paired with the jewel of the prestigious house of Moet et Chandon, Dom Perignon Blanc 2000, presented in



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Patrons praised the culinary talents of the visiting celebrity chef and complimented the

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1743. The festival culminated with a much-enjoyed romantic concert by Edjean, singing a classic tribute to Frank Sinatra. Pictured here, some memorable Capture the Champagne Sparkle moments, an Evening of Sensual Persuasions with celebrity chef Harry Sisson, at the Westin Aruba Resort. □



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# Sunset Grille, a prime Steakhouse also offering Spa Cuisine



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herbs and taste is elevated by marinating, smoking and grilling, Smeets explains.

"We now use many more herbs, vegetables, grains and fibers," adds Boland, "all designed to sustain a healthier life style; and we stay away from saturated fats and refined sugars, as well as use salt sparingly," he informs.

"The Sunset Grille kitchen," Boland reveals, "uses no trans fats, and our guests," he banters, "stay healthy, wealthy and wise with our new and exciting spa cuisine."

Among the patrons favorite dishes are, the Sunset Grille's famous Chop House Martini Salad, "Shaken not Stirred;" the lobster bisque with a pastry crust, the various cuts of prime beef, the popular Rack of Lamb, Stuffed Quail and the delicious Veal Oscar. The spa cuisine features items such as Tuna Tataki, the Spinach Salad, Chilean Seabass, grilled Swordfish and the Asian style Salmon and Scallops served with the



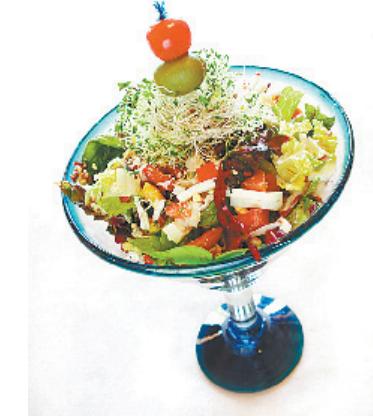
popular Soba Noodles.

The Sunset Grille always endeavors to exceed guests' expectations by purchasing the very best products available and preparing them in accordance with a combination of "tried and true" as well as cutting edge contemporary methods, Boland explains.

Simply put, the Sunset Grille culinary team buys the best products, and cooks them the best way they know, refusing to cut corners, especially when it comes to buying, aging and



cutting meat. No wonder the readers of Caribbean Travel & Life named it the top restaurant in the Caribbean. □



## Life's a Beach at the Juggling Fish



Palm Beach -- The Juggling Fish at Playa Linda Beach Resort is designed to stimulate your shopping instincts, as the beautiful store is hard to resist. What you'll find on the oceanfront boardwalk is absolutely gorgeous: hand picked gifts, souvenirs, beach and resort wear, it's all on display a few steps from the

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them whimsical plush stuffed iguanas, parrots and seahorses. Moreover, a bonanza of fridge magnets, hand-made silver jewelry, batik beach wraps, throws and hats also awaits you. Gift hunters will be pleased with the array of scented candles and candleholders. The store offers convenient

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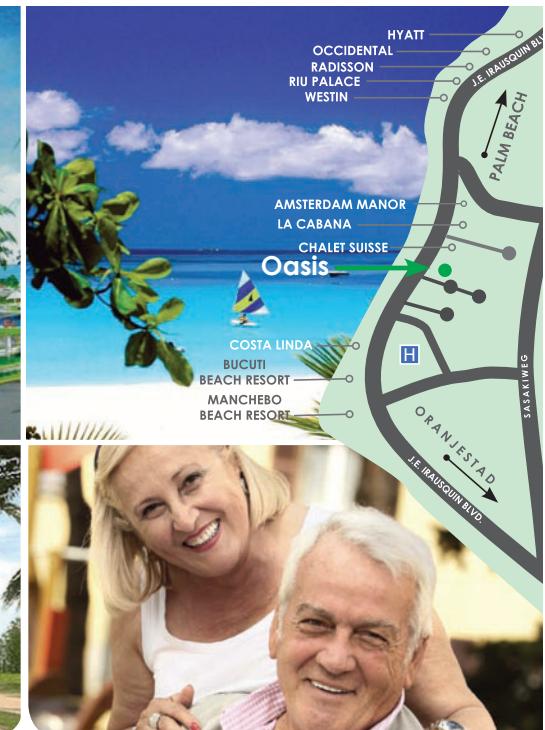
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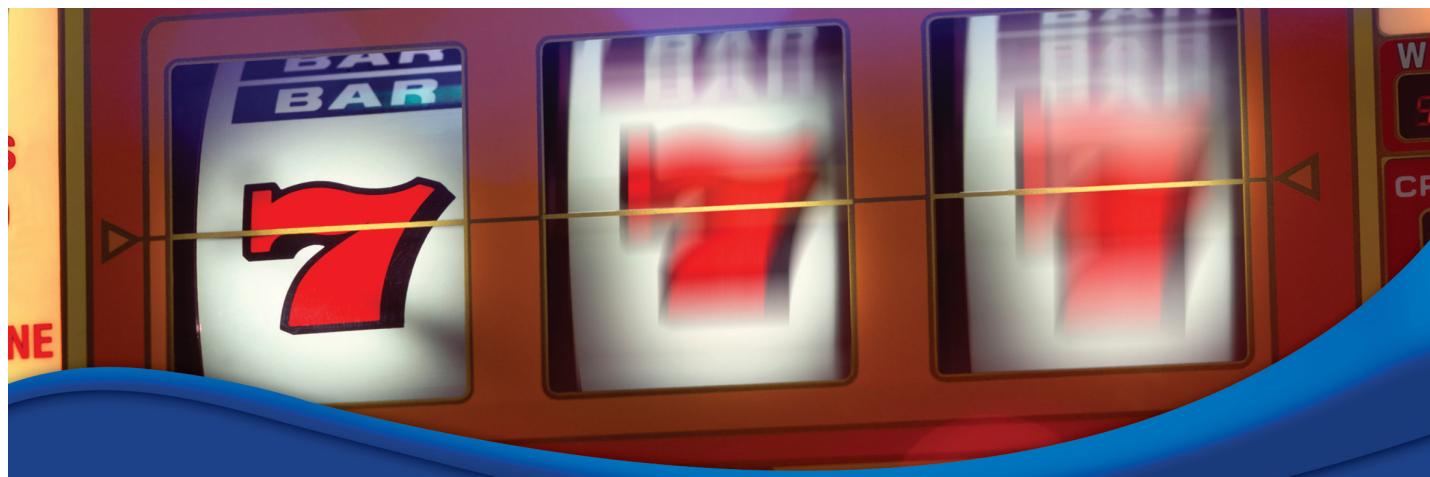
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President Barack Obama lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Monday, May 25, 2009, at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.

Associated Press

# Obama observes Memorial Day

DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama marked his first Memorial Day as president on Monday, saluting the men and women of America's fighting forces, both living and dead, as "the best of America."

The president spoke after participating in a solemn holiday tradition, laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, the burial ground for American veterans dating to the Revolutionary War. In brief remarks after laying the wreath and observing a moment of silence, Obama said the country's fallen warriors felt a sense of duty and answered the call to serve, knowing they might have to make the ultimate sacrifice.

"They said 'I'll go.'

That is why they are the best of America," Obama said.

The president also sought to dodge a racial controversy, sending wreaths to a monument for Confederate soldiers — who fought for the pro-slavery South — and a memorial honoring more than 200,000 blacks who fought for the Union during the Civil War.

The first black U.S. president continued tradition and had wreaths delivered to the Confederate Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, the 600-acre site across the Potomac River in Virginia that once was Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's estate. The White House also sent a wreath to the African American Civil War Memorial in Washington's historically black U Street neighborhood.

Presidents traditionally visit Arlington to personally leave a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, a marble structure with the remains of unidentified U.S. military members who died during war. Presidents then have aides deliver wreaths to other memorials or monuments, generally including the Confederate memorial.

A group of about 60 professors last week sent a petition to the White House asking Obama to avoid a memorial for Confederate military members who died during the war between the North and the South.

The White House ignored the plea. Wreaths also were left at the mast of the USS Maine and at the Spanish American War Memorial, a White House aide said. □

## Mom returns voluntarily with cancer-stricken boy

PATRICK CONDON

Associated Press Writer

NEW ULM, Minnesota (AP)

— A 13-year-old cancer patient and his mother who fled Minnesota last week to avoid court-ordered chemotherapy returned voluntarily Monday and met with a doctor, a sheriff and the family's attorney said.

Daniel Hauser was "immediately checked over medically" when he and his mother arrived on a charter flight at 3 a.m., Brown County Sheriff Rich Hoffmann said. He did not say where the pair have been since they missed a court hearing last Tuesday, or whether Daniel received medical treatment for his Hodgkin's lymphoma while they were gone.

"It is a good day as Daniel



Brown County Sheriff Rich Hoffmann speaks during a news conference Monday, May 25, 2009 outside the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, Minn.

Associated Press

and Colleen Hauser have been safely returned to Minnesota," Hoffmann said.

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A man reads a newspaper reporting about North Korea's nuclear test in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, May 25, 2009. North Korea claimed it carried out a powerful underground nuclear test Monday — much larger than one conducted in 2006 — in a major provocation in the escalating international standoff over its rogue nuclear and missile programs.

Associated Press

## Defying world powers, North Korea conducts atomic test

JEAN H. LEE

Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea defied world powers and carried out an underground test Monday of a nuclear bomb Russian officials said was comparable to those that obliterated Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

The incident drew condemnation from Washington to Beijing and set the communist regime up for a showdown with the United Nations.

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# U.S. to announce billions for green jobs, training



In this Aug. 9, 2007 file photo, Sid Watts, general manager of plant operations for the new Imperium biodiesel plant, holds bottles of biodiesel as he poses for a photo in Hoquiam, Wash. Less than two years ago, Imperium Renewables opened the \$88 million biodiesel plant to the applause of politicians who hoped it would jump-start a Pacific Northwest biodiesel industry that would be an important new source of green jobs. Now the plant sits idle, most of its workers laid off and its tanks serving as temporary storage for South American soybean biodiesel.

*Associated Press*

WASHINGTON (AP) — will spend some \$4 billion President Barack Obama in economic stimulus money

creating so-called “green jobs” by making public housing dwellings more energy efficient, a cabinet secretary planned to announce Tuesday. Obama has pushed greening the economy — reducing dependence on foreign energy sources, developing domestic alternatives and easing the effects of climate change — as a way to help pull the economy out of its worst downturn since the Great Depression.

Green jobs, broadly defined as work that helps the environment, pay up to 20 percent more than other jobs, are more likely to be union jobs and are more likely to be held by men, but less so by minorities and people who live in cities, according to a report Obama’s Middle Class Task Force issued in February. These jobs also are ones that cannot be easily transferred overseas.

Housing Secretary Shaun Donovan was making the

spending announcement Tuesday in Denver at a task force meeting.

Donovan said Monday that the investment in public housing will help meet several goals: improving the quality of public housing, reducing energy costs for residents and the government, and creating jobs for people who live in the units and in the surrounding community.

Labor Secretary Hilda Solis, another task force member, also will announce that \$500 million from the \$787 billion stimulus is becoming available to train workers for these jobs. That sum includes \$50 million for communities battered by job losses and restructuring in the auto industry.

Donovan said replacing windows, insulation, appliances and light bulbs are among the possible renovations.

The task force, which includes several other Cabinet

secretaries, has been working since January to highlight policies and practices to help improve the standard of living of the middle class, an income group that suffered as the economy faltered.

The meeting at the Denver Science Museum, where Obama signed the stimulus plan into law three months ago, was being held to outline different ways government departments are working to steer the middle class toward green jobs.

Jared Bernstein, the task force executive director, said the panel’s agenda complements Obama’s.

“By boosting the green economy, you’re promoting green energy and clean production at the same time that you’re generating green jobs,” Bernstein, who is also Vice President Joe Biden’s chief economist, said Monday in an interview. Biden is in charge of the task force. □



Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton receives an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the Yale University commencement in New Haven, Conn. Monday, May 25, 2009. Clinton is a Yale Law School graduate and met Bill Clinton there in 1970.

*Associated Press*

By KATIE NELSON

Associated Press Writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton made a surprise return to her alma mater on Monday, picking up an honorary degree from Yale University 36 years after earning her law degree from the Ivy League school.

Graduates celebrating commencement at Yale erupted in cheers as Clinton was introduced. In keeping

with Yale tradition, the names of honorary degree recipients are a closely held secret, although word began trickling out Sunday of Clinton’s participation.

None of the 10 honorary degree recipients spoke during the morning ceremony held for the university at large, where Yale handed out 2,868 undergraduate and graduate degrees. It was the school’s 308th commencement ceremony.

## Hillary Rodham Clinton surprises Yale graduates

Clinton did speak for about five minutes during the Yale Law School’s separate commencement event held in the early afternoon. There, the 60-year-old Clinton reminisced about her days at Yale, saying the law school was an “encampment for protests and frivolity” when she arrived in the fall of 1969. She met her future husband, Bill Clinton, at the school the following year, 22 years before he was elected the nation’s 42nd president.

She expressed hope that every graduate would “use every creative gene you have” in order to work “on behalf of the public good.”

Clinton drew laughs from the crowd when she jokingly apologized for taking Yale Law School Dean Harold Hongju Koh “away from the law school and putting him to work in Washington.” Koh was nominated by President Barack Obama to be legal adviser to the State Department, and remains a possible nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In a nod to the rough job market, Clinton also urged the new law school graduates

to apply for work in the Obama administration, at the State Department and with the United States Agency for International Development.

Koh said after the law school ceremony he hoped his students learned from Clinton “what is possible to achieve in one lifetime.”

“Everyone who got the honorary degrees were in these seats not that long ago,” Koh said. “And you know, what they know is, they could be a mother, a lawyer and U.S. senator, Secretary of State, presidential candidate. There’s no limit. That’s what they should think. There’s no limit to what they can do.”

Actress and activist Mia Farrow was among the parents in the audience who heard Clinton speak. Ronan, Farrow’s 21-year-old son with director Woody Allen, completed a law degree and is currently going through the security clearance process to work in the Obama administration, she said.

“It was inspiring and wonderful to have a son graduating. And to hear those words (from Clinton) and to see a path, a clear path ahead. He’s joining

government and this is a proud day for all the parents here,” she said.

Erin Phillips, 24, is headed to Boston to clerk for a federal district court judge, and was also inspired by Clinton’s visit. “We heard some rumors last night that she was coming. I was really excited,” Phillips said after the ceremony. “I think it meant a lot and I think everyone has been kind of uniformly thrilled about it. It was a nice surprise.”

Clinton was last in New Haven in 2008, when she visited Yale the day before the Connecticut presidential primary and her own failed presidential bid. She then fondly recalled her days attending Yale Law School and her early career as a child advocate at the Yale Child Study Center.

She spoke to Yale graduates once before, in 1991 when she gave the traditional Class Day speech, which is the major address to graduating seniors held the day before commencement. This year’s Class Day address was delivered Sunday by author Christopher Buckley, a 1975 Yale graduate. □

# 4th NYC nighttime blast shatters Starbucks windows

DEEPTI HAJELA

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — An early morning explosion, caused by a small bomb and reminiscent of other mysterious blasts around New York City in the last few years, destroyed a sidewalk bench and shattered windows in a Starbucks coffee shop.

No one was injured in the blast, which happened around 3:30 a.m. EDT Monday on Manhattan's Upper East Side near the Guggenheim museum.

Investigators were looking into the similarities between the explosion and three others in the last four years, police Commissioner Ray Kelly said.

"They all happened between

3:30 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., so that's the immediate similarity that we're looking at," Kelly said. "Obviously we're going to analyze the type of explosive that's been used."

The bomb went off around the same time of night as an explosion at the British consulate in May 2005, another at the Mexican consulate in October 2007 and one at the Times Square military recruiting station in March 2008.

In the previous bombings, a bicyclist was seen in the area before the explosions. No witnesses came forward immediately Monday, and police still have to see what, if any, security camera footage is available, Kelly said.



In this video frame grab image taken from WABC-TV via AP Television News, police respond at the scene of an early morning explosion at a Starbucks coffee shop on Manhattan's Upper East Side in New York, Monday May 25, 2009. The explosion, which occurred at around 3:30 a.m., shattered the shop's windows, but no injuries were reported. The shop was closed at the time. Police are trying to determine what caused the blast.

Associated Press

## Petitions submitted for Kansas City mayoral recall

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mayor Mark Funkhouser said Monday he would fight an effort to oust him after a group submitted what it says are enough signatures to force a recall election.

The city clerk's office opened on Memorial Day for the recall group to submit a second batch of petitions, which its organizers estimated contained about 13,000 signatures. Earlier this month, group members submitted 7,459 valid signatures and received 10 more days to attempt to collect the required 16,950 signatures needed to force a recall election. Opponents of Funkhouser said he should be recalled because his wife's activities in his office violated the city's volunteer ordinance and nepotism rules.

"The people of Kansas City have spoken loudly and clearly and with a very firm voice, that this mayor has to go," Harris Wilder, the group's spokesman, said Monday.

Funkhouser said he will defeat any recall effort.

"If anything, I haven't fought hard enough. I haven't been aggressive enough. I'm only going to ramp it up," Funkhouser said Monday in one of several interviews with local media.

Election officials have until June 1 to verify the names to make sure they are registered voters. The issue would go before voters in August or November if enough signatures were collected.

Funkhouser has been criticized heavily since taking office in May 2007, particularly after he unknowingly appointed a member of the Minuteman Civil Defense Corps, an anti-illegal immigration group, to the city parks board.

The move upset some national civil rights groups and led them to pull their conventions from the city of 450,000.

Then in November 2008, he sued the council after it enacted an ordinance that keeps his wife, Gloria Squitiro, from volunteering in his office. Squitiro, a former birthing coach, had come under fire for her brashness and was at the center of a lawsuit that included among its claims that she called a former aide, who is black, "Mammy."

Funkhouser has said "Mammy" wasn't a racial slur because Squitiro, who is white, "puts an 'e' on virtually everything" as a form of endearment.

In depositions for the aide's harassment and discrimination lawsuit, people described Squitiro as foul-mouthed and said she twice lit dried sage to rid the office of evil spirits. With his wife banned from working at his city office, Funkhouser is now holding his weekly staff meetings at the downtown public library.

Funkhouser would be allowed to run in a recall election. The top two vote-getters would advance to a runoff if no candidate received 50 percent of the vote. □

"We don't know the motive. Obviously it is a cause for concern, but we're going to do an in-depth investigation," he said.

Kelly said the explosive appeared to have been placed on the seat of the bench, but he didn't know what kind of container it was. He said investigators would examine the remains to determine what kind of explosive it was. He said it was possible that it was some kind of firework.

Police also were looking at whether the Starbucks, a few blocks from the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, was the target.

The Starbucks Corp. is the world's largest gourmet coffee retailer, with more than 15,000 stores, according to a 2008 profile on its Web site. No one at the company,

which is based in Seattle, immediately responded to an e-mail or a telephone message delivered through a press hot line on Monday, Memorial Day.

Gov. David Paterson surveyed the damage at the coffee shop.

"Certainly, it is alarming to have this happen, seemingly not designed to hurt people, but obviously could, and no one really knows what the motive is," Paterson said.

Residents above the coffee shop were ordered to leave their apartments but were allowed to return later in the morning.

One of them, Jordan Kovnot, a 26-year-old law school student, told the Daily News, "I heard a giant noise — a big, giant noise, like a crash — and there was a flash." □

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# Reid rakes in campaign cash, even without opponent



FILE - In this March 30, 2009 file photo, President Barack Obama greets Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev. in the East Room of the White House in Washington. At center is Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. Reid will take the stage with President Barack Obama on Tuesday at a Las Vegas-style fundraiser billed as "The Good Fight." But the big-dollar bash is begging the question: Where's the fight?

By KATHLEEN HENNESSEY  
Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, vulnerable in home-state polls but without a big-name opponent so far, takes the stage Tuesday with President Barack Obama at a Las Vegas-style fundraiser billed as "The Good Fight."

But the big-dollar bash begs the question: Where's the fight?

Despite months of promising to target Reid for ousting in 2010, Republicans have yet to land a major candidate deemed capable of raising the money and enthusiasm needed to unseat a sitting majority leader.

A recent newspaper poll showing Reid's vulnerability highlighted the GOP's dilemma. In a survey for the Las Vegas Review-Journal published last week, 45 percent of Nevada voters told pollsters they would definitely vote to unseat Reid. Another 17 percent said they would consider another candidate. Finding that candidate, while the four-term Democratic senator is calling in chits and racking up campaign money, is proving difficult.

"He's the majority leader and he's going to raise a ton of money. That's intimidating to run against," Nevada's other senator, Republican John

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Ensign, said of his party's search. A viable candidate would need to get in the race "in the next few months, certainly," Ensign said. Intimidation has been no small part of Reid's early strategy. A year and a half from Election Day, the senator has raised a whopping \$7.5 million, already half a million more than he spent on his 2004 campaign.

He also has secured the public support of some high-profile Republican donors in Nevada and is believed to have locked up funding from the state's powerful gambling industry. Reid campaign manager Brandon Hall said the senator is merely responding to Republican promises to target his seat.

"That is why we are starting early and will be prepared to run an aggressive campaign no matter who our opponent will be," Hall said.

Tuesday's fundraiser features headliners Sheryl Crow and Bette Midler. Tickets start at \$50 for the concert, but a \$29,600 contribution that will be split between Reid's campaign and the Nevada Democratic Party gives donors access to the senator and president.

"This fundraiser is just another show of his strength," said David Damore, a political scientist at the University of

Nevada, Las Vegas. "It's a message to any opponent: If you want to compete, this is the kind of game you're going to have to play."

GOP officials insist they will play.

Nevada Republican Party Chairwoman Sue Lowden said she is vetting candidates, "some of whom are well-known in the state and some of whom are not as well-known but could self-fund."

Lowden was quick to note Reid's rocky poll numbers in Nevada, as well as his unpopularity outside the state. As a symbol of Democrats' control of Congress, Reid is seen as a polarizing figure but one nevertheless capable of shaking dollars loose from Republican donors from Mississippi to Wyoming.

Outside groups have promised to pour in millions of dollars in independent television and direct mail campaigns. One, the Sacramento-based Our Country Deserves Better PAC, promised to spend \$100,000 on anti-Reid radio and television ads timed to Obama's visit.

Nevada GOP officials also will launch a national fundraising mail campaign this week, said Las Vegas-based Republican

consultant Ryan Erwin, a party adviser.

"Every month that somebody's not raising the money is a missed opportunity," Erwin said.

Fundraising isn't Republicans' only struggle.

The state party was hobbled by a Democratic organizing effort that yielded a 12-point victory for Obama last year. Along with a nearly 100,000-Democratic voter advantage, Nevada Republicans are suffering from a leadership vacuum as Republican Gov. Jim Gibbons continues to be dogged by scandals since taking office in 2006.

With the clock ticking, pressure is mounting on the few GOP candidates viewed as viable.

Rep. Dean Heller has emerged as the party's top pick. As a former secretary of state in Nevada, Heller has run successful statewide races.

He's popular in northern and rural Nevada, places where Reid struggles.

But, Heller, 49, also holds an increasingly safe congressional seat.

He also recently won a powerful perch on the tax-writing House Ways and

Means Committee, raising the stakes on what he could lose by challenging Reid.

Heller's spokesman did not respond to a request for comment.

Other names in consideration include U.S. Attorney Greg Brower, a former state assemblyman, and Lt. Gov. Brian Krolicki, who remains hamstrung by criminal charges that he mishandled state funds. Krolicki has denied wrongdoing, called the charges political and is seeking to have them dismissed.

The longer Republicans go without an anointed challenger to Reid, the more lesser-known contenders flirt with running.

Anti-tax activist and former Assemblywoman Sharron Angle has said she is exploring getting in the race. Angle is a favorite among fiscally conservative Republicans, and may be able to raise outside money.

But Angle said she has not been embraced by the GOP's recruiting arm, the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

"They're standing back. Everybody is standing back waiting to see what happens," she said. □

## GOP keeps filibuster card ready for court pick

By PHILIP ELLIOTT

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WASHINGTON — Empathy isn't part of the job description for a Supreme Court justice, a top Republican says.

As President Barack Obama prepares to name his pick for the high court, the Senate's No. 2 Republican said the qualifications being discussed — "emotions or feelings or preconceived ideas," Sen. Jon Kyl called them — aren't enough to justify a lifetime appointment. The Arizona Republican on Sunday wouldn't rule out a filibuster to block an Obama pick that falls outside his definition of the mainstream.

"We will distinguish between a liberal judge on one side and one who doesn't decide cases on the merits but, rather, on the basis of his or her preconceived ideas," Kyl said.

Obama, who has interviewed at least two candidates, is preparing to announce a pick to replace Justice David Souter in the coming days. Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat in the Senate, said Sunday that he has been told a choice is likely to be announced this week.

Those involved with Obama's decision suggest it could come as early as Tuesday.

In the meantime, Obama has offered hints into what he wants in a justice.

"You have to have not only the intellect to be able to effectively apply the law to cases before you," Obama said in an interview televised on C-SPAN. "But you have to be able to stand in somebody else's shoes and see through their eyes and get a sense of how the law might work or not work in practical day-to-day living." Obama also has said he wants someone who uses empathy, "understanding and identifying with people's hopes and struggles," when arriving at decisions that could influence the nation for decades.

Sen. Ben Nelson, a Nebraska Democrat who helped negotiate a compromise to avoid filibusters aimed at President George W. Bush's judicial nominees, also kept open the filibuster option against Obama's nominee.

"We don't want to have to read judges' minds. So I think that's the test — will they be an activist or not?" Nelson said. "I would hope that there wouldn't be any circumstances that would be so extreme with any of the president's nominees that the other side would feel the need to filibuster or that I might feel the need to filibuster in a case of extraordinary circumstances." □

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Daniel underwent one round of chemotherapy in February, but stopped after that single treatment, citing religious beliefs. The family opted instead for natural healing practices inspired by American Indians.

Because Colleen Hauser returned voluntarily, a warrant for her arrest was lifted. Hoffmann said he could not comment on whether there could be possible charges against her.

Daniel Hauser was being evaluated at a hospital in Minneapolis-St. Paul on Monday, according to Tom Hagen, an attorney at the law office representing Daniel's parents.

Dr. Bruce Bostrom, the pediatric oncologist at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota who diagnosed Daniel's cancer in January, said he was happy to hear of the boy's return.

"I'm delighted," Bostrom said. "I've been so worried that he was going to die in Mexico. I've been praying for his safe return, so I think my prayers will be answered." Bostrom was not working Monday and didn't know if Daniel had gone to Children's Hospitals to be examined. Hodgkin's lymphoma has a 90 percent cure rate in children if treated with chemotherapy and radiation, but doctors say Daniel has a 5 percent chance of survival without those treatments.

A judge ruled that the parents medically neglected Daniel and ordered them to get him an updated chest X-ray as well as select an oncologist for a re-evaluation. After the X-ray showed a tumor in Daniel's chest has grown, the mother and son left town. The FBI said the pair flew to Los Angeles. Investigators suspected they might have been heading to one of a number of alternative cancer clinics in northern Mexico. The American Cancer Society estimates 35 to 50 clinics in Mexican border towns attract cancer patients looking for alternatives to traditional U.S. treatment methods. On Thursday, Anthony Hauser appeared before reporters asking his wife to call him



Brown County Sheriff Rich Hoffmann, left, stands with Anthony Hauser, as Hauser reads a statement asking his wife Colleen to bring their son Daniel, who has Hodgkin's lymphoma, back home to the family farm in Sleepy Eye, Minn. Thursday May 21, 2009. A new arrest warrant was issued Thursday as the search continued for the Minnesota mother who fled with her 13-year-old cancer-stricken son to avoid chemotherapy treatments. The two were seen in Southern California on Tuesday morning and authorities have said they could be in Mexico.

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and to come home. "If you're out there, please bring Danny home so we can decide as a family what Danny's treatment should be," he said. The FBI's affidavit in support of an arrest warrant for Colleen alleges she fled the state to avoid being prosecuted on two state counts of depriving another of custodial or parental rights in Brown County. The

"parental rights" refer to those of Brown County family services, which was granted custody of Daniel to get him to a pediatric oncologist. At a news conference Thursday, Hoffmann had vowed to arrange a safe return for Colleen Hauser without an enforcement action if she shows "a good faith effort to come back." □

## Mexico, U.S., Canada announce swine flu deaths

CHICAGO (AP) — Authorities in Mexico announced three more deaths Monday, as the United States and Canada each said they had another death connected with the illness.

Mexico death toll now stands at 83, and Canada's is two. The U.S. death is the 12th in the country. Before the latest reports, the World Health Organization tallied at least 91 deaths around the globe from more than 12,500 swine flu cases.

At least 46 countries have confirmed cases, according to WHO. Puerto Rico reported its first case Monday, making it the second Caribbean island to confirm the illness. The man is recuperating at home.

Mexico announced three more deaths tied to swine flu, and officials there unveiled a \$90 million campaign aimed at luring back tourists to the country where the

illness has hit hardest. The government-funded push will feature ads with opera singer Placido Domingo, champion golfer Lorena Ochoa and other national heroes.

Tourism is Mexico's third-largest source of legal foreign income, but worries over swine flu have stemmed the flow of visitors and pushed hotel occupancy to a record low. In the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention counted 10 deaths and 6,700 cases, most of them mild. But New York health officials reported another death over the weekend.

Dr. Damon Arnold, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health said in a statement that the latest victim, a Chicago-area resident, had other medical conditions, but authorities released no other information about the person.

In Canada, officials said Monday that a Toronto man

who had swine flu but also suffered a chronic medical condition died Saturday. Dr. David Williams, Ontario's acting chief medical officer of health, said in a statement the coroner was investigating to determine what role swine flu played in the fatality.

In the Mexican port of Veracruz, a sculptor is putting the finishing touches on a bronze statue of a 5-year-old boy who is the country's earliest confirmed case of swine flu. The boy, Edgar Hernandez, recovered after being treated with antibiotics, and state officials said the statue will be a symbol of hope.

A spokesman for Veracruz state, Jorge Brandy, said the statue would be erected in the central park of La Gloria, a pig-farming village in the mountains where scientists trying to learn where the epidemic began are taking blood samples from residents and pigs. □

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South Korean protesters burn a mock North nuclear missile with photos of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il during a rally against North Korea's nuclear test in Seoul, South Korea, Monday, May 25, 2009. North Korea defiantly declared Monday that it carried out a powerful underground nuclear test - a major provocation less than two months after launching a rocket widely believed to be a test of its long-range missile technology.

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## ATOMIC TEST

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The U.N. Security Council was meeting later Monday in New York to discuss what President Barack Obama called Pyongyang's "blatant defiance" of resolutions banning the regime from developing weapons of mass destruction. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown condemned the test as a "danger to the world." Russia's Foreign Ministry called it "a serious blow to international efforts" to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

French officials said they would push for new sanctions, and even traditional Pyongyang ally China said it was "resolutely opposed" to the test, which Russian officials estimated yielded a powerful 10- to 20-kiloton blast — enough to flatten a city and far more than North Korea managed in a 2006 atomic test.

Pyongyang's unprecedented defiance raises the stakes in the mounting standoff over its nuclear program.

Last month, Pyongyang launched a rocket despite international calls for restraint, abandoned international nuclear negotiations, restarted its nuclear plants and warned it would carry out the atomic and long-range missile tests. "We're heading for a full-blown crisis with the North," said Peter Beck, a Korean affairs expert who teaches at American University in Washington.

The rise in tensions comes amid speculation about who will succeed North Korea's authoritarian leader, 67-year-old Kim Jong Il, who is believed to have suffered a stroke last August.

Kim, who inherited the leadership from his father in 1994 and rules the nation of 24 million with an iron fist, has three sons but has not publicly named a successor.

Though desperately poor, North Korea increasingly has turned inward. With last month's controversial rocket launch and Monday's nuclear test, Kim clearly wants to show its people that the nation remains strong, analysts said. "The fact that North Korea is undertaking this nuclear test amid great economic and

political turmoil might be a sign that North Korea is trying to escape from some kind of internal difficulty," former Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev said during a visit to Seoul.

Beck predicted Pyongyang would parade the nuclear test before the North Korean people to drum up support for Kim and his regime.

"Kim Jong Il is trying to demonstrate his virility and that they are a power to be reckoned with," he said.

Monday's atomic test was conducted shortly before 10 a.m. about 50 miles (80 kilometers) northwest of the northern city of Kilju, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Alexander Drobyshevsky said, speaking on state-run Rossiya television.

Two hours later, Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency declared that the regime had "successfully conducted one more underground nuclear test on May 25 as part of measures to bolster its nuclear deterrent for self-defense."

The U.S. Geological Survey registered seismic activity in northeastern North Korea at 9:54 a.m. (0054 GMT), which it initially identified as a 4.7-magnitude earthquake.

North Korea also test-fired three short-range missiles from a nearby launchpad, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported, citing unnamed sources.

Sources described them as ground-to-air missiles with a range of 80 miles (130 kilometers), the report said. Yonhap cited military officials as saying the launches appeared to be aimed at keeping U.S. and Japanese surveillance planes away from the nuclear test site.

Kilju, in the northeastern province of North Hamgyong, is where North Korea conducted its first nuclear test in October 2006 in a surprise move that drew wide-ranging sanctions from the Security Council.

North Korea boasted that Monday's test was conducted "on a new higher level in terms of its explosive power and technology of its control."

U.S. and French officials have said the 2006 test measured less than a kiloton; 1 kiloton

is equal to the force produced by 1,000 tons of TNT. Russia estimated the force of the 2006 blast at 5 to 15 kilotons, far higher than other estimates at the time.

Pyongyang is believed to have enough weaponized plutonium for at least a half-dozen atomic bombs. However, experts say scientists have not yet mastered the miniaturization needed to mount a nuclear device onto a long-range missile.

"They are still at least several years away from being able to deliver a nuclear device on a weapon," Beck said.

North Korea called its April 5 rocket launch a successful bid to put a satellite into space, but the U.S., Japan, South Korea and others accused Pyongyang of using the launch to test its long-range missile technology. The Security Council condemned the launch as a violation of U.N. resolutions.

"I sincerely hope that the Security Council will take necessary corresponding measures," U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told The Associated Press in Copenhagen on Monday, declining to specify what further moves, or sanctions, he would urge the 15 council members to take.

Jim Walsh, an international security expert at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said he expected U.N. members to call for sanctions — but dismissed any punishment as "political theater" that would have little effect on a country already subject to numerous sanctions.

Obama might be the only one who can give North Korea what it wants.

Paik Hak-soon of the South Korean security think tank Sejong Institute said North Korea is "putting maximum pressure" on the United States for direct, high-level negotiations resulting in a "grand deal" that would include aid, concessions and a normalization of ties.

North Korea also has custody of two American journalists, Laura Ling and Euna Lee — accused of entering the country illegally and engaging in "hostile acts" — who are set to stand trial in Pyongyang on June 4. □

# Speaker Pelosi visits China; protesters seek help

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SHANGHAI (AP) — U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, long a fierce critic of Beijing, toured China's financial capital on Monday on a visit focused on environmental issues rather than human rights, though her presence emboldened protesters.

Pelosi took a low-key approach as she prepared for meetings in Beijing just days ahead of the 20th anniversary of the 1989 crackdown on the Tiananmen Square democracy protests.

The apparent shift approach dovetails with President Barack Obama's new emphasis on engagement with Beijing, rather than confrontation over its human rights record. Visits by Pelosi and other senior U.S. figures have been aimed at highlighting cooperation between the two countries on a slew of issues.

Still, the leading Democratic lawmaker's reputation as a strong human rights defender galvanized petitioners in Beijing, where several hundreds gathered Monday morning near the capital's South Railway Station to air their grievances. Dozens of police stood guard and most protesters were kept behind police lines.

While many complaints were about individual cases, photos posted on the Chinese-language Web site Boxun.com, a U.S.-hosted Web site banned in China, showed one group of demonstrators holding up a black-and-white cloth banner that said: "Welcome Pelosi. Pay close attention to human rights. SOS."

Speaking to U.S. business figures Monday in Shanghai, Pelosi noted her commitment to human rights issues over the years. During a 1991 visit to Beijing, the Democrat from California unfurled a

banner that read "To those who died for democracy in China" in the square. Years later, she attempted to present human rights petitions to then-visiting President Hu Jintao. When Tibetans staged protests against Chinese rule last year, Pelosi visited their exiled spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

"I will continue to speak out for human rights in China and around the world," Pelosi told members of the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai. "Indeed, protecting the environment is a human rights issue," she said according to a copy of the speech distributed to journalists. "We hope to send a clear message that transparency, accountability, enforcement, and respect for the rule of law are essential if we are to protect our planet," she added.

Pelosi did castigate North Korea after Pyongyang announced that it had successfully carried out an underground nuclear test, weeks after threatening to restart its rogue atomic program.

"If today's announcement is true, these tests would be a clear violation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1718, which requires that North Korea not conduct any further nuclear tests. Such action by North Korea is unacceptable and cause for great alarm," Pelosi said in a written statement.

Pelosi said she and other members of her delegation planned to urge Chinese leaders to use their influence to get the North to return to six-nation talks aimed at ending its nuclear program. The lawmaker arrived over the weekend accompanied by a delegation of four Democrats and one Republican, all members of the House Select Committee

on Energy Independence and Global Warming. The main focus of their visit is the shared goal of promoting clean energy and combatting climate change.

Pelosi met Monday with Shanghai Mayor Han Zheng. The two exchanged pleasantries but made no substantive remarks before reporters. The delegation will later meet in Beijing with Hu and other leaders. U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee chairman and Democrat Sen. John Kerry is also in China, and Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner will arrive next week. He is expected to reassure Beijing about the strength of the U.S. dollar and thus the value of China's vast holdings of U.S. Treasury notes. □



Nancy Pelosi, speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, left, meets with Han Zheng, Shanghai's mayor, right, in Shanghai, China, on Monday, May 25, 2009. U.S. House Speaker Pelosi, long a fierce critic of Beijing, toured China's financial center of Shanghai on Monday on a visit meant to highlight common goals in promoting clean energy to fight climate change.

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## St. Vincent group alleges police brutality

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KINGSTOWN, St. Vincent (AP) — A human-rights watchdog group in St. Vincent and the Grenadines accused the Caribbean island chain's police commanders Monday of failing to hold officers accountable for alleged brutality.

Nicole Sylvester, leader of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Human Rights Association, said her group has received more than 30 allegations of police abuse in recent months, backed up by photographs and medical reports.

Under a so-called blue code, officers lie or keep silent about misconduct to protect each other from outside criticism, she added.

"We are not going to continue with this code of silence," Sylvester said. "The uniform is a cloak for abuse, oppression and highhandedness by the police."

Police commanders and a government spokesman did not immediately return calls for comment. But assistant police commissioner Ekron Lockhart said in a recent radio interview that the department thoroughly investigates claims of wrongdoing.

"As long as the evidence comes forth, we are going to deal with those police,"

Lockhart said.

The government of this Caribbean nation of 105,000, a shipment point for South American cocaine destined for the U.S. and Europe, has come under pressure to reduce rising violent crime.

Complaints of brutality have risen this year, however, prompting Prime Minister Ralph Gonsalves and police top brass to publicly pronounce that they will not tolerate misconduct.

Allegations of police misconduct only gained traction last week when officers fatally shot three fugitives, including a 29-year-old Barbadian wanted on homicide charges.

Opposition leader Arnhim Eustace has called for an independent panel to determine if officers from the Regional Security System, a cooperative of police forces across the Eastern Caribbean, used excessive force.

St. Vincent police say the officers were justified because the suspects shot at them from their car after being confronted in the village of Vermont, near the capital, Kingstown.

Some villagers who claim to have witnessed the shootout say police opened fire without provocation. □

# EU farmers protest collapse of milk prices



Protesters unload a model of a milk cow, ahead of a demo by European dairy farmers who are gathering in Brussels, to voice their demands, Monday, May 25, 2009.

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Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — Dairy farmers created traffic

chaos in Berlin, blocked milk processing plants in France and protested at EU headquarters in Brussels on Monday, seeking more aid to stay in business as milk prices plummet.

EU farm ministers later decided to allow member states to bring forward the payment of 70 percent of direct aid to farmers from December to mid-October, hoping it will alleviate the financial difficulties.

Farmers, though, have been calling for more drastic measures. They say they have been forced to sell milk below cost because prices have fallen by up to 50 percent over the past year.

Earlier Monday, some 6,000 farmers with 700 tractors clogged roads in the German capital, irritating commuters and bringing traffic in some areas to a halt. In response, the German government promised to provide cheaper diesel oil for farmers.

At EU headquarters, some 1,000 farmers from half a dozen nations protested with tractors and cows in tow to press their demands for more funds. Police briefly intervened when a few farmers sought to break through the EU's security perimeter but order was quickly restored.

"(We) demand a fair price for our milk, which covers at least our production cost

and some profit margin," said Eddie Chinon, a French dairy farmer. "Our dairy sector is in an unprecedented difficult situation," said EU Farm Commissioner Mariann Fischer-Boel. "It makes it difficult for a lot of dairy producers when production prices are higher than the prices at which they sell."

The European Union has managed farm prices for decades, guaranteeing minimum prices to farmers or buying up excess production to keep prices artificially high. The EU says it is trying to support dairy prices now by buying skinned milk powder and butter on the market — but the 27-nation bloc is keen to avoid stockpiling the massive 'butter mountains' that made EU farm subsidies notorious in the 1980s.

In France, more than 80 processing plants were closed off Monday by angry farmers demanding more government intervention. The protesters made sure no milk could be collected from farms to be processed into butter and cheese — the second such protest day in a month.

In January, the EU restarted export refunds to help its farmers sell more abroad — a move echoed by the United States this week. Australia and New Zealand, which do not subsidize dairy exports, say that's unfair trade protectionism.

Fischer-Boel criticized the United States for seizing on EU aid measures to push through more aid for its own farmers. "It is very unfair," she said.

Under pressure from trade partners, the EU has in recent years tried to drop farm subsidies and stick to free market principles, but that has angered European farmers who complain of falling incomes.

"There is a real crisis, a social problem out there on family farms in Europe," said Padraig Walshe, the lead of the COPA farmers' union. "(Farmers) have a problem buying food and clothes."

"There is no profit being made on farms today," he added. □

## N. Ireland mob beats Catholic man to death

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DUBLIN (AP) — Militant Protestant supporters of a Scottish football team beat to death a Roman Catholic man in the latest sign of how sports rivalries inspire sectarian bloodshed in Northern Ireland, police and politicians said Monday.

Witnesses said more than 20 Protestant supporters of Glasgow Rangers, many of them wearing the team's blue-and-white jerseys and scarves, drove into a Catholic district of the town of Coleraine after Rangers clinched the Scottish Premier League championship Sunday.

Billy Leonard, a former policeman and politician from the Irish nationalist party Sinn Fein, said several carloads of anti-Catholic extremists came armed with clubs "and literally attacked the first person they came across."

Kevin McDaid, 49, was fatally bludgeoned while his wife, Evelyn, and a 46-year-old Catholic neighbor, Damien Fleming, were both injured. Fleming was reported in critical condition.

Police said they arrested six men on suspicion of involvement in the attack on McDaid.

A Presbyterian minister in the town, the Rev. Alan Johnston, said Rangers supporters were drinking heavily while watching Sunday's Rangers victory at pubs in central Coleraine and then drove across a bridge to the Catholic area, Somerset Drive.

A Catholic politician in the town, John Dallat, accused an outlawed Protestant paramilitary group, the Ulster Defence Association, of responsibility.

Rangers enjoys support exclusively from the British Protestant side of the community in Northern Ireland, while archrival Glasgow Celtic draws support only from the Irish Catholics.

Those sectarian allegiances fuel street fighting, and occasionally worse, in both Glasgow and across Northern Ireland, particularly



Peter Neill, who was with Kevin McDaid when they were attacked by a loyalist gang, at the scene of the murder in Coleraine, Northern Ireland, Monday, May 25, 2009.

Associated Press

when the two teams play each other or when the annual league championship — typically won by one of the two — is determined. Celtic, league champions the previous three years, finished second Sunday.

Police in forensic suits erected a tent Monday to preserve evidence at the spot where McDaid died. Nearby, someone had tied a green-and-white Celtic scarf to a pole, and teenagers wearing Celtic clothing huddled on street corners drinking from beer cans and shouting anti-Protestant slogans.

The officer leading the murder investigation, Detective Chief Inspector Frankie Taylor, appealed to the Catholic minority in the town not to retaliate.

Taylor said the dead man had four children, did volunteer youth work in the town, and had been encouraging local Catholics to cooperate with Northern Ireland's traditionally Protestant police. He described McDaid as "a man who would do anything for anybody."

In Northern Ireland, where Catholics and Protestants attend separate school systems, sports divide rather than unite the population. Protestants back rugby, Catholics their homegrown Gaelic football and hurling.

Both sides like football — but rarely root for the same teams. In international competitions, Catholics back the Republic of Ireland football team, Protestants the Northern Ireland squad. Many Belfast pubs refuse to admit customers if they are wearing football jerseys or scarves, particularly the rival Glasgow colors, because of the likelihood it will spark a fight. □



# Israeli document: Venezuela sends uranium to Iran

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JERUSALEM (AP) — Venezuela and Bolivia are supplying Iran with uranium for its nuclear program, according to a secret Israeli government report obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The two South American countries are known to have close ties with Iran, but this is the first allegation that they are involved in the development of Iran's nuclear program, considered a strategic threat by Israel. "There are reports that Venezuela supplies Iran with uranium for its nuclear program," the Foreign Ministry document states, referring to previous Israeli intelligence conclusions. It added, "Bolivia also supplies uranium to Iran." The report concludes that Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez is trying to undermine the United States by supporting Iran.

Venezuela and Bolivia are close allies, and both regimes have a history of opposing U.S. foreign policy and Israeli actions. Venezuela expelled the Israeli ambassador during Israel's offensive in Gaza this year, and Israel retaliated by expelling the Venezuelan envoy. Bolivia cut ties with Israel over the offensive.

There was no immediate comment from officials in Venezuela or Bolivia on the report's allegations.

The three-page document about Iranian activities in Latin America was prepared in advance of a visit to South America by Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon, who will

attend a conference of the Organization of American States in Honduras next week. Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman is also scheduled to visit the region.

Israel considers Iran a serious threat because of its nuclear program, development of long-range missiles and frequent references by its president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, to Israel's destruction. Israel dismisses Iran's insistence that its nuclear program is peaceful, charging that the Iranians are building nuclear weapons.

Iran says its nuclear work is aimed only at producing energy. Its enrichment of uranium has increased concerns about its program because that technology can be used both to produce fuel for power plants and to build bombs.

Israel has been pressing for world action to stop the Iranian program. While saying it prefers diplomatic action, Israel has not taken its military option off the table. Experts believe Israel is capable of destroying some of Iran's nuclear facilities in airstrikes.

Iran, under Ahmadinejad, has strengthened its ties with both Venezuela and Bolivia, where it opened an embassy last year. Its alliance with the left-led nations is based largely on their shared antagonism to the United States but is also

a way for Iran to lessen its international isolation.

The Israeli government report did not say where the uranium that it alleged the two countries were supplying originated from. Bolivia has uranium



Bolivia's President Evo Morales, right, Ecuador's President Rafael Correa, center, and Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez attend a military parade marking Independence Day in Quito, Sunday, May 24, 2009.

deposits. Venezuela is not currently mining its own estimated 50,000 tons of untapped uranium reserves, according to an analysis published in December by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The Carnegie report said, however, that recent collaboration with Iran in strategic minerals has generated speculation that Venezuela could mine uranium for Iran.

The Israeli government report also charges that the Iran-backed Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon have set up cells in Latin America. It says Venezuela has issued permits that allow Iranian residents to travel freely in South America.

The report concludes, "Since Ahmadinejad's rise to power, Tehran has been promoting an aggressive policy aimed at bolstering its ties with Latin American countries with the declared goal of 'bringing America

to its knees.'"

The document says Venezuela and Bolivia are violating the United Nations Security Council's economic sanctions with their aid to Iran.

As allies against the U.S., Ahmadinejad and Chavez have set up a \$200 billion

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fund aimed at garnering the support of more South American countries for the cause of "liberation from the American imperialism," according to the report.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor refused to comment about the secret report. □



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# Nadal, Federer advance to 2nd round at French Open

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — The modern day King of Clay eclipsed another mark Monday, this time breaking the French Open men's record for consecutive wins.

Top-seeded Rafael Nadal looked his usual dominant self in the first round, beating Marcos Daniel of Brazil 7-5, 6-4, 6-3 for his 29th straight win on the red clay at Roland Garros.

"At the beginning, I didn't quite get the best feelings, but I won in three sets. That's very positive," Nadal said. "I should have won more easily ... but it was a difficult match."

Roger Federer, the man Nadal beat in the last three French Open finals, had an easier time in his opening match,



Russia's Maria Sharapova serves the ball to Belarus' Anastasiya Yakimova during their first round match at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday May 25, 2009.

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defeating Alberto Martin of Spain 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Dinara Safina, the top-seeded player in the women's draw, advanced along with No. 3 Venus Williams and unseeded Maria Sharapova.

Nadal's win bettered the French Open record held by Bjorn Borg, who won 28 straight from 1978-81. Nadal also equaled the overall tournament record, matching the 29 straight that Chris Evert won between 1974-75 and 1979-81. Evert did not play at the French Open from 1976-78.

Nadal was broken three times by Daniel, but the top-seeded Spaniard remained perfect on the French Open's red clay as he tries to become the first player to win five straight titles at Roland Garros.

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David Reutimann celebrates in victory lane after winning the rain-shortened NASCAR Coca-Cola 600 auto race at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Monday, May 25, 2009.

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

CONCORD, North Carolina (AP) — David Reutimann won the rain-shortened Coca-Cola 600 on Monday for his first victory at NASCAR's top level.

Reutimann took the lead when he gambled and didn't pit with the leaders during a caution for rain on lap 222 of the 400-lap race. His

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hope was that it would rain so long, racing would not resume.

After five laps as the leader run under caution, NASCAR called the cars to pit road. Reutimann nervously paced around his covered race car for the next 2 hours as NASCAR waited out the weather. The rain never stopped, and the race was called a full day after its scheduled start.

## Reutimann wins 1st Cup race in Coca-Cola 600

"When you envision winning your first Sprint Cup race, you envision it different," said a soaking-wet Reutimann. "But it's so hard, we'll take it any way we can. We got this one today, hopefully the next one, we'll earn it."

The race was scheduled for Sunday but rain moved it to Memorial Day for the first time in its 50-year history.

The showers lingered all day, and the race was stopped three different times for rain and once for a national moment of remembrance.

It was the first win in 75 Cup starts for Reutimann, who drives for Michael Waltrip Racing. He was joined by his car owner midway through the final delay, a wait Waltrip has done before: He earned his second Daytona 500 title after a lengthy rain delay shortened the 2003 event.

Pole-sitter Ryan Newman finished

second and Robby Gordon was third as the top-three finishers all stayed on the track for position during the last pit stops.

Carl Edwards, who had changed into street clothes by the time the race was called, finished fourth, followed by Brian Vickers and Kyle Busch.

Busch led a race-high 173 laps but was denied a win because of rain for the second time in three days. He led 143 laps in Saturday night's Nationwide Series race, lost the lead during a round of pit stops, and never had a chance to reclaim it when the race was shortened by 45 miles because of rain.

It's the second time this season one of NASCAR's crown jewel events was ruined by rain. The season-opening Daytona 500 was shortened by 48 laps and Matt Kenseth was declared the winner after a short delay. □

AL Roundup

# A-Rod's perfect response in Texas: 5 for 5

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Alex Rodriguez had a perfect response for the hearty boos, matching a career high with five hits to lead the New York Yankees to an 11-1 victory over the Texas Rangers in the American League on Monday.

Rodriguez also drove in four runs in his first game in Texas since admitting earlier this year that he used steroids while playing for the Rangers from 2001-03. Phil Hughes tossed eight shutout innings for New York, which has won 11 of 13.

After singling in the eighth inning in his fifth at-bat, A-Rod was lifted for a pinch runner with the Yankees already up 10-0. His first five-hit game since April 2005 raised his batting average 60 points — from .189 to .259.

Hughes (3-2) allowed three hits, walked one and struck out six before leaving after 101 pitches.

Nelson Cruz connected against Yankees reliever Alfredo Aceves in the ninth, hitting his fifth homer in six games.

Matt Harrison (4-4) allowed seven runs and 11 hits over five innings for Texas.

Red Sox 6, Twins 5

At Minneapolis, Jason Bay and Kevin Youkilis hit two-run doubles as Boston started a 10-game road trip with a victory over Minnesota.

Jonathan Papelbon survived a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth by pinch-hitter Joe Mauer to get his 12th save. Michael Cuddyer homered early for Minnesota, but Brad Penny (5-1) pitched into the sixth for his third straight victory.

Mike Lowell, who had four hits, capped the three-run third off Liriano with an RBI single.

Jacoby Ellsbury had two hits for Boston to stretch his hitting streak to 20 games.

Tigers 13, Royals 1

At Kansas City, Missouri, Justin Verlander held slumping Kansas City to five hits through seven scoreless innings and Miguel Cabrera had four of Detroit's season-high 19 hits.

Cabrera drove in three runs for the Tigers, who won for the 23rd time in their last 31 outings at Kauffman Stadium and increased their lead over Kansas City to four games in the AL Central. Gerald Laird, Brandon Inge and Clete Thomas had two RBIs apiece.

Detroit's 19 hits and 13 runs were both season-highs allowed by the Royals, who were leading the AL in pitching.

Verlander (5-2) gave up five singles and allowed just one runner to reach second base during his seven sparkling innings.

## Orioles 4, Blue Jays 1

At Baltimore, Jeremy Guthrie allowed one run in seven innings and Aubrey Huff had two RBIs as Baltimore extended Toronto's losing streak to seven.

Brian Roberts had two hits and scored twice for the Orioles, who were 3-14 against Toronto since June 7, 2008.

Vernon Wells had the lone



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez (13) reaches first base safely as Texas Rangers first baseman Chris Davis (19) steps off the bag to reach the throw during the first inning of a baseball game in Arlington, Texas, Monday, May 25, 2009. Rodriguez had a perfect response for the hearty boos, matching a career high with five hits to lead the Yankees to an 11-1 victory over the Rangers.

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RBI for the Blue Jays, who lost three in Boston and three more in Atlanta before coming to Camden Yards. The seven-game skid is Toronto's longest since last June.

Guthrie (4-4) gave up seven hits. Danys Baez worked the eighth and George Sherrill got three outs for his 10th save. Sherrill has not allowed a run in nine appearances since May 2 in Toronto.

## Athletics 6, Mariners 1

At Oakland, California,

Travis Buck homered and scored three runs, and Adam Kennedy extended his torrid start for Oakland with a career high-tying four hits against Seattle.

Brett Anderson pitched six strong innings for his second major league win with the last-place A's, who beat Seattle for just the second time in seven meetings this season.

Ichiro Suzuki went 4 for 4 with three infield hits to extend his hitting streak to

19 games, and Kenji Johjima homered before leaving with a broken toe in the opener of the Mariners' six-game road trip.

Anderson (2-4) yielded one run and six hits. Kevin Cameron pitched three innings for his first career save.

Chris Jakubauskas (3-5) didn't get out of the fourth inning for Seattle, giving up five runs, four earned, and six hits. □



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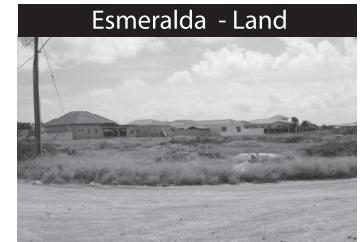
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"His backhand is better than his forehand, but I think I made it a bit easy for him," Nadal said. "That's my opinion."

Federer has won 13 major titles, but he still needs to win the French Open to complete a career Grand Slam.

Against Martin, who missed the last two French Open tournaments because of injury and then by failing to qualify, Federer appeared to play effortlessly.

"Once I got the upper hand, things were pretty much in control," Federer said. "I served well when I had to, and mixed it up. That's how I want to play. I'm happy to be through without a fright."

Also on the men's side, sixth-seeded Andy Roddick of the United States, No. 10 Nikolay Davydenko of Russia, No. 12 Fernando Gonzalez of Chile, No. 17 Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland, No. 23 Robin Soderling of Sweden, No. 24 Jurgen Melzer of Austria, No. 28 Feliciano Lopez of Spain, No. 30 Victor Hanesco of Romania and No. 32 Paul-Henri Mathieu of France advanced. No. 19 Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic lost to Simone Bolelli of Italy 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 4-6, 6-3.

Roddick beat French wild-card entry Romain Jouan 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 to win a match at the French Open for the first time since 2005.

Safina routed Anne Keothavong of Britain 6-0, 6-0, spraying shots to all parts of the court.

"I was just playing point by point, game by game, and it ended up like this," said Safina, half of the only brother-sister combination alongside Marat Safin to have served as the No. 1-ranked player in the world. Keothavong had a couple of chances against Safina, but she wasted two break points in the third game of the first set, and led 40-0 in the fourth game of the second but couldn't hold on. "When that's happening to you all you want to do is get on the scoreboard, but I wasn't able to do that," said Keothavong, who saved four match points before Safina hit a forehand winner down the line. "It just kept getting harder and harder."

Victoria Azarenka and Ana Ivanovic won 6-0, 6-0 at the French Open last year, and Serena Williams did it in 2003.

Williams, a seven-time Grand Slam champion, survived a sudden second-set slump to beat Bethanie Mattek-Sands

6-1, 4-6, 6-2. She won the match's first five games, while Mattek-Sands asked for a medical time-out during the first set so a trainer could look at her right wrist.

"I'm definitely a third-set player," Williams said. "Once I get to the third set ... I feel a new level coming."

Williams has never won the French Open, but she did reach the final in 2002 when she lost to little sister Serena. Overall, Williams holds a 36-12 record at Roland Garros, giving her the most wins of any player in the women's draw at the tournament.

Sharapova played with a bandage on her ailing right shoulder, and she struggled in the first set before beating Anastasiya Yakimova of Belarus 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.

The unseeded Russian was broken three times in the first set, but she opened the second with four straight wins before being broken once again. Before the start of the next game, Yakimova called for a trainer to work on her lower back.

"I started pretty lousy," said Sharapova, playing in a Grand Slam match for the first time since last year's Wimbledon. "I was just a little sloppy. But I totally changed it around, and



**Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball to Spain's Alberto Martin during their first round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday May 25, 2009.**

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I started playing a lot better and more aggressive."

No. 12 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland, No. 13 Marion Bartoli of France, No. 15 Zheng Jie of China, No. 20 Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia, No. 22 Carla Suarez Navarro of Spain and No. 29 Agnes Szavay of Hungary also advanced to the second round of the women's tournament.

In upsets, No. 23 Alisa

Kleybanova of Russia lost to Polona Hercog of Slovenia 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; No. 14 Flavia Pennetta of Italy was eliminated by Alexa Glatch of the United States 6-1, 6-1; No. 26 Anna Chakvetadze of Russia lost to Mariana Duque Marino of Colombia 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; and No. 17 Patty Schnyder of Switzerland fell to Katerina Bondarenko of Ukraine 6-4, 6-3. □



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MONTE PETRANO, Italy (AP) — Carlos Sastre won the grueling 16th stage of the Giro d'Italia in an uphill finish Monday made even tougher by severe heat.

Denis Menchov of Russia held onto the overall leader's pink jersey.

Sastre, the defending Tour de France champion from Spain, clocked a marathon-like 7 hours, 11 minutes, 54 seconds

over the lengthy 237-kilometer (147-mile) leg from Pergola to Monte Petrano, over three major climbs.

"I knew I had a chance to do something today and I did," Sastre said. "This was the toughest stage of this year's Giro."

The temperature at the base of the final climb measured 38 degrees Celsius (100 Fahrenheit).

Sastre also won the most difficult stage in last year's

## Sastre wins key 16th stage of Giro

Tour, at Alpe d'Huez.

Menchov finished second, 25 seconds behind, and Danilo Di Luca was third, 26 seconds back.

Levi Leipheimer was the day's big loser. The American cracked on the final climb and crossed 11th, 2:51 behind Sastre, dropping the Montana native from third to sixth overall, 3:21 behind Menchov.

"I was not as strong as those guys, it's plain and simple," Leipheimer said. "It was hot for everyone. Today was the day that separated everyone and you see who's strong and who's not."

Menchov increased his lead over Di Luca to 39 seconds and Sastre moved into third overall, 2:19 back.

Seven-time Tour winner Lance Armstrong was up ahead with the other favorites but then dropped back to escort

Leipheimer up most of the climb.

"I would have lost much, much more time. He saved me minutes and minutes," Leipheimer said of Armstrong's help. "You see the difference between a seven-time Tour winner like Lance. He was stronger and had to wait for me today. I just didn't feel like I had it today."

Armstrong crossed 10th, directly in front of Leipheimer, and moved up from 13th to 12th overall, 11:06 behind Menchov.

Armstrong is still regaining his form after three and a half years of retirement and then breaking his collarbone in March. After they came to a stop, Armstrong put his hand on Leipheimer's shoulder and said, "Sorry man."

Armstrong has stopped speaking to reporters, but on his Twitter feed he called it

"one of the hardest" stages he's ever seen.

"Relentless climbing and oppressive heat. Levi had a day tough (day), but we tried to limit his losses," Armstrong wrote. "Hot days like this are always full of surprises."

Following a circuitous route in the central Marche region, the first major climb was to Monte Nerone — 13.3 kilometers (8.3 miles) at an average gradient of 7.6 percent.

Then came Monte Catria — 11 kilometers (6.8 miles) at an average of eight percent — and finally Monte Petrano — 10.4 kilometers (6.5 miles) at an average of 7.9 percent.

Four riders led over the first climb: 2004 winner Damiano Cunego, Tirreno-Adriatico champion Michele Scarponi, Gabriele Bosisio and Yaroslav Popovych — Armstrong and Leipheimer's Astana teammate. □



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"Espero contribuir al diálogo y la concordia nacional que viven una situación difícil... Los valores que están en juego son perfectamente concurrentes y compatibles: que son institucionalidad democrática y justicia", dijo Insulza en escuetas declaraciones a la prensa tras sus reuniones con diversos

funcionarios, diplomáticos y personas de la sociedad civil.

Insulza sostuvo su primera entrevista del día con el director de la Comisión Internacional Contra la Impunidad en Guatemala (CICIG), Carlos Castresana. La CICIG, una comisión de Naciones Unidas que investiga la existencia de mafias dentro del sistema de justicia y el gobierno de Guatemala, está a cargo de esclarecer el caso que se convirtió en el más grave escándalo político del gobierno del presidente Alvaro Colom.

Rodrigo Rosenberg, un abogado corporativo con maestrías en Harvard y

Cambridge, grabó un video que comienza con estas lapidarias palabras: "Si usted está viendo este mensaje es porque fui asesinado por el señor presidente Alvaro Colom con la ayuda (del secretario privado de la Presidencia) Gustavo Alejos y (el empresario) Gregorio Valdez".

Insulza se entrevistó en la jornada con el mandatario y el canciller Haroldo Rodas.

Además se reunió con el vicepresidente Rafael Espada. Además tiene agendadas citas con el presidente de la Corte Suprema de Justicia, Heliú Higueros y el presidente del congreso, Roberto Alejos y la junta directiva del Legislativo.

"Vine a transmitir apoyo a la institucionalidad del país", dijo a periodistas Insulza a su llegada a Guatemala el domingo por la noche.

También organizó encuentros con el fiscal general Amílcar Velásquez, el arzobispo metropolitano Rodolfo Quezada, diplomáticos, políticos opositores, activistas, algunos parientes del abogado asesinado y un grupo de jóvenes activistas que piden la renuncia del mandatario. Insulza ofreció dar una visión preliminar de lo hallado en el país antes de su partida, prevista para el martes.

## Costa Rica: 33 casos de gripe porcina

SAN JOSE (AP) - Las autoridades de Salud informaron el lunes que los casos de gripe porcina confirmados en el país suman 33, mientras otros 1.174 han sido descartados por las pruebas de laboratorio.

Otros 103 casos se mantienen a la espera de los resultados de los exámenes, donde destaca un grupo de 11 menores de edad, todos compañeros en una escuela primaria pública.

"Afortunadamente más del 90% de los casos se están descartando, así que en este momento hay más probabilidades de resfriarse o tener gripe por otros virus diferentes al AH1N1", manifestó a periodistas la ministra de Salud, María Luisa Avila.

Sobre el caso de los niños, explicó que los escolares tuvieron contacto con un menor confirmado por padecer la gripe porcina. Costa Rica declaró una alerta nacional por la gripe porcina hace 32 días, lo que arroja un promedio aproximado de un enfermo por día. De todos ellos solo se ha reportado un fallecido. □

## Hallan restos de oso y armadillo de 5 millones de años en Perú



Foto de archivo de dos armadillos en el acuario Sunshine de Tokio, 31 dic 2008. REUTERS/Yuriko Nakao

LIMA (Reuters) - Un equipo de expertos informó el lunes que encontró los restos casi completos de un oso perezoso debajo de una vivienda y el caparazón de un armadillo gigante en un localidad andina de Perú, ambos de unos 5 millones de años.

El paleontólogo Rodolfo Salas, del Museo de Historia Natural de Perú, dijo que los restos fueron hallados mientras se hacían trabajos de alcantarillado en localidades de Espinar, a unos 4.000 metros sobre el nivel del mar de la región del Cusco, en el sur de Perú.

"El esqueleto de megaterio (oso perezoso) es particularmente importante pues se trata del primer esqueleto completo conocido de un megaterio de 5 millones de años en toda América", dijo el experto a Reuters.

Los restos "permitirán conocer cómo se produjo la evolución de los megaterios en la región andina".

Este era un animal relativamente pequeño para los megaterios ya que habría alcanzado solo 3 metros de longitud", agregó.

Salas dijo que el animal era herbívoro y el cráneo

está en excelente estado de conservación.

"En el cráneo se encuentran las características más importantes y diagnósticas que permiten conocer detalles de su alimentación, modo de vida e identidad", agregó el experto.

Junto a este animal se han descubierto numerosos esqueletos de armadillos gigantes, toxodontes y otra familia de perezosos poco conocida en el Perú, como son los milodóntidos. La zona de Espinar es extremadamente rica en fósiles. □



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